

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/642,477
Filing Date	August 15, 2003
First Named Inventor	Masakazu Kawai
Art Unit	3736
Examiner Name	Jeffrey Gerben Hoekstra
Attorney Docket Number	20911-08172

Sheet

1

of

1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number – Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
/JH/	A1	US-2005/0070834 A1	03-31-2005	Herr et al.
/JH/	A2	US-2004/0031169 A1	02-19-2004	Jensen et al.
/JH/	A3	US-2003/0115031 A1	06-19-2003	Dariush et al.
/JH/	A4	US-5,203,346 A	04-20-1993	Fuhr et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ – Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶

OTHER REFERENCES – NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶
/JH/	C1	PCT International Search Report and Written Opinion, PCT/US06/01343, August 15, 2007, 8 pages.	
/JH/	C2	PCT International Search Report and Written Opinion, PCT/US06/14069, August 31, 2007, 8 pages.	

Examiner Signature	/Jeffrey Hoekstra/	Date Considered	10/08/2007
--------------------	--------------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/642,477
Filing Date	August 15, 2003
First Named Inventor	Masakazu Kawai
Art Unit	3736
Examiner Name	Jeffrey Gerben Hoekstra
Attorney Docket Number	20911-08172

Sheet

1

of

1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number – Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
/JH/	A1	US-6,580,969 B1	06-17-2003	Ishida et al.
/JH/	A2	US-2003/0018283 A1	01-23-2003	Dariusz
		US-		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ – Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶
/JH/	B1	WO 03/002054 A1	01-09-2003	Honda	

OTHER REFERENCES – NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶
/JH/	C1	International Search Report and Written Opinion, PCT/US05/11908, March 8, 2007, 7 pages.	

Examiner Signature	/Jeffrey Hoekstra/	Date Considered	10/08/2007
--------------------	--------------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

20911/08172/DOCS/1776378.1